

Remarks

Claims 1-4, 14, and 18-21 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended; claims 8-11 and 16-17 are withdrawn, wit claims 16-17 proposed to be amended and reinstated; and claims 5-7, 11-13, 15, and 22-26 have been cancelled.

Applicants note that the amendments made in the Response filed January 8, 2007 were entered. Applicants respectfully request that the remarks and arguments made therein, in light of this Request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114, be reconsidered. In addition, to further prosecution of the application, Applicants have amended claim 1, herein. Specifically, the range of Cu has been narrowed to address the Examiner's concerns with respect to the disclosure.

Reinstatement of Withdrawn Claims

Applicants respectfully request reinstatement of withdrawn claims 16-17, amended herein. Both claims depend from independent claim 1, which was indicated as being generic. Applicant submits that the amendments render the claims consistent with claim 1, and obviate the requirement for a separate species designation.

Conclusion

In the light of the foregoing remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If any questions remain regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

A fee of \$395 for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and a fee of \$60 for a one month extension of time are believed to be due. A credit card payment form is being submitted herewith. However, please charge any required fee (or credit any overpayments of fees) to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket No. 7012-X04-002).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Bianco", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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